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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF BDI/BDA PRESIDENT, HANNS-MARTIN SCHLEYER

1. PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL UNION OF GERMAN INDUSTRY (BUNDESVER-
BAND DER DEUTSCHEN INDUSTRIE) AND OF FEDERAL UNION OF GERMAN
EMPLOYERS (BUNDESVERBAND DER DEUTSCHEN ARBEITGEBER), HANNS-
MARTIN SCHLEYER WAS KIDNAPPED IN COLOGNE ON SEPTEMBER 5
BY TERRORISTS. TWO POLICEMEN, ONE SECURITY GUARD ACCOMPANYING
SCHLEYER AND SCHLEYER'S CHAUFFEUR WERE KILLED IN TERRORISTS'
MACHINE GUN ATTACK AT 1728 LOCAL TIME IN THE BRAUNSFELD
SECTION OF COLOGNE AS SCHLEYER, OCCUPYING THE MIDDLE CAR
OF A THREE-CAR PROTECTIVE CONVOY WAS BEING DRIVEN TO
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HIS APARTMENT. POLICE HAD BEEN ALERTED SOME WEEKS AGO TO THE
POSSIBILITY THAT AN ATTEMPT MIGHT BE MADE ON SCHLEYER AS A
RESULT OF PAPERS FOUND IN POSSESSION OF BAADER-MEINHOF
ATTORNEY SIEGRIED HAAG AT TIME OF HIS ARREST.

2. AT BEGINNING OF YESTERDAY'S ATTACK SOMEONE PUSHED
EMPTY BABY CARRIAGE IN FRONT OF UNSUSPECTING CONVOY TO

CAUSE IT TO STOP. THEN WHITE VW BUS DROVE NEAR AND
TERRORISTS (DESCRIBED BY EYEWITNESSES AS FOUR MEN AND ONE
WOMAN) OPENED FIRE ON THE THREE AUTOMOBILES OF CONVOY.
ACCORDING TO EYEWITNESSES THEY AIMED FIRE AT SCHLEYER'S
ESCORTS AND DRIVER AND ATTEMPTED TO AVOID SHOOTING
SCHLEYER. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES BARRAGE TERRORISTS
DRAGGED SCHLEYER ALIVE INTO VW BUS WHICH RACED OFF.
POLICE CAR FROM NEAR-BY POLICE STATION ATTEMPTED TO
FOLLOW BUS BUT LOST IT. IT WAS LATER FOUND IN UNDERGROUND
GARAGE CONNECTED WITH STUDENTS APARTMENT HOUSE. OWNER OF
VW BUS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS TENANT IN BUILDING, BUT HIS
APARTMENT WAS FOUND EMPTY WHEN POLICE ENTERED IT. TERRORISTS
WERE REPORTEDLY OBSERVED TRANSFERRING A PERSON FROM VW BUS
TO YELLOW MERCEDES SEDAN. A NOTE FROM TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY
WAS FOUND IN VAN, BUT POLICE HAVE NOT REVEALED CONTENTS.
THERE WERE NO TRACES OF BLOOD IN BUS, LEADING TO
SUPPOSITION THAT SCHLEYER WAS UNHURT IN THE ATTACK.

3. SINCE THEN NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM TERRORISTS OR
SCHLEYER. POLICE ASSUME TERRORISTS WILL DEMAND RELEASE OF
IMPRISONED BAADER-MEINHOF GANG MEMBERS IN EXCHANGE FOR
RELEASE OF SCHLEYER; AS OCCURRED IN 1975 BERLIN KIDNAPPING
OF CDU MAJORITY CANDIDATE PETER LORENZ. POLICE DO NOT HAVE
ANY HOT LEADS ON SCHLEYER'S WHEREABOUTS AT PRESENT.

4. LATEST DPA NEWS REPORTS ARREST OF TWO MEN (NOT IDENTIFIED)
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IN HAMBURG SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED IN SCHLEYER ATTACK.
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